

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 116

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 76

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This measure would proclaim May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care.

WHEREAS, It is our vision that every child in California will live in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy adults, families, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, Every year in California there are more than 80,000 children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, All children in foster care have a continuing and urgent need for safety, stability, and permanency, including lifelong relationships with adults who will care for and support them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is California’s goal for every child who enters into foster care to be supported and nurtured by the individuals, organizations, and systems that touch the life of that child; and

WHEREAS, In California, foster youth, foster parents, relatives, child welfare professionals, and advocates are working together in new ways, including, public and private partnership teams that are helping to change the lifetime of foster youth throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, There is still more work to be done on behalf of thousands of foster youth throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The declaration by the Legislature of May as Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to raise community awareness about the needs of foster youth, spotlights the critical importance of foster care programs and services in our state, and offers appreciation to more than 13,000 families who open their homes to foster children in our state and the public and private partners who commit themselves daily in support of our children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the month of May as Foster Care Month and May 2, 2006, as a special day of recognition to honor the teams that work to “change a lifetime” for children and youth in foster care in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature urges all Californians to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children and youth in foster care and to

support the efforts of foster parents, private community organizations, and public child welfare agencies who care for them during this month and throughout the year; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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